

Island Park OASIS Beach Volleyball Operational Plan

Beach Volleyball - Statement by Art Palmer

In order for you to understand my dream and the mission of this facility, you first need to understand what beach volleyball actually is.

The basic definition of beach volleyball is a competitive sport of two teams with up to six players on a sand court divided by a net. The object of the game is to get the volleyball over the net by passing the ball and communicating with your team. Beach volleyball is more than a sport, it's a lifestyle - collective, yet personal. It's how we engage with a fun, active, competitive outdoor world.

This beach lifestyle is the catalyst and main attraction to the sport.

Beach Volleyball as a 'lifestyle sport' players learn to live & appreciate a more relaxed, responsible lifestyle which includes being an overall healthy & fit individual able to take the skills learned & play the Beach Game for years!

Another part of the 'lifestyle' aspect of Beach Volleyball is to simply **have fun while you play** (even if not doing great in a competition), because after all...***playing Beach Volleyball in the sand & sun IS FUN!***

Some players' natural talent & abilities will lead them to compete at a higher-level earning college scholarships & beyond, which is great. However, others may want to learn the game & skills simply to keep their strength & endurance or overall fitness ~ both of which beach volleyball definitely does.

Many players emphasize the camaraderie of the sport, others talk about the incredible setting on the beach.

This camaraderie becomes relationships built from playing for so many years. It's not like it is a conscious decision, but you begin to hanging out with these people, doing the same things on and off the sand. Beach volleyball is the common thread that ties them all together.

Mission

The primary mission of the Island Park Oasis (IPO) is to provide a venue to support the beach volleyball COMMUNITY consisting of beach volleyball players, clubs, tournament directors, and organizations. While a few exceptional players move on to the professional stage, many more are players for life at the local, amateur ranks. This facility will foster the development of beach volleyball community, on and off the beach.

The IPO facility will offer the ability to grow the sport by bringing the fun and excitement of pro-style beach volleyball through developmental initiatives as well as promote all

levels of play from tournament competition to recreational leagues, to junior programs and clinics.

This facility will rely upon the strength of the beach volleyball community in striving to create a close-knit group of beach volleyball players and families as the foundation for this facility.

Experience

Art Palmer has extensive experience in sports management - organizing and facilitating sport programs. He formerly operated the Newport Volleyball Club (NVC), wherein he organized and oversaw numerous leagues and events. Under his direction, NVC had a long-standing track record of being respectful and generally without incident in terms of any nuisances adjacent to neighborhoods.

IPO will have a manager for reservation intake, collection of payments, maintenance of sand courts, rules enforcement, and security.

Length of Season

Daylight Saving Time

Approximately starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

Hours of Operation

Daylight hours 7am to 8pm +/-

No outdoor lighting will be installed.

Facility Use

The facility will have 13 sand courts. Primary use of those courts is for beach volleyball with multiple secondary uses such as beach soccer beach tennis and sand strength and conditioning. The facility is open to any individual of any age or organization with the sole intent of playing or learning the sport of beach volleyball. Juniors will require adult supervision. The facility will offer courts by reservation for rent by adult and youth leagues and for the general public.

Policies

The IPO is tobacco and drug free.

No alcoholic beverages will be served and/or sold on-site, at any time. Guests who are 21+ may BYOB at adult only events. It will be posted that no alcohol or other illegal substances will be allowed or tolerated at youth leagues and clinics.

Some events require the ability to communicate to the players via a public address system. These events may also use background music. Operations will be conducted

in compliance with the Town's Noise Ordinance's maximum sound level and allowed hours for a residential district.

Dispose of Trash/Waste Properly

Pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.

Carry out what you carry in! Bring a baggie to store your trash and dispose of it properly when you leave.

Security/On-site Management

During the hours of operations, on-site management will be available to provide logistical support and ensure operations are being carried out in accordance with this Operational Plan.

After hours, the facility perimeter fence will be secure and under video surveillance with motion sensors to detect suspicious activity.

Abutting Properties

Abutting properties will be screened from the IPO with perimeter fencing. In addition, netting will be installed to prevent balls from leaving the property.

Expected Patrons

It is expected that IPO will be used regularly by adult and youth volleyball leagues that will predominantly use the IPO in the afternoon during the work week and on the weekends, and additional hours in the summer. The IPO will be open to the general public, which will have access to certain courts for specified hours. The maximum number of patrons expected for tournament play is approximately 95 +/- (90 players and 5 staff).

For licensed special events that draw more spectators and players (above 500 persons), traffic impacts, if any, will be addressed via entertainment license conditions, including, but not limited to, police detail.

Parking

On-site 100 spaces with 4 ADA compliant, will be sufficient for day-to-day operations. For the occasional licensed event that draws a significant number of players and additional spectators, like accompanying parents for a junior program/event, the facility can accommodate overflow parking on the grass beyond the existing parking.